

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. In the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-20, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In the Amendment filed December 18, 2006, in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, amendments to the claims were submitted. In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 19, 2007, the Examiner discovered text that was previously deleted in the Fifth Response filed concurrently with the RCE on June 23, 2006 in response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2006, was not removed from Claims 1, 11, 19, and 27 in the Amendment filed on December 18, 2006. Applicants hereby re-submit corrected amendments to the claims by removing the text that was previously deleted in the Fifth Response filed on June 23, 2006.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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